

## **CONCERNED CITIZENS OF CLARKSBURG**

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**SUBJECT: Vic Fazio Wildlife Area, Yolo Bypass and Yolo Basin (the "Basin")  
Yolo and Solano Counties, California**

Dear Ms. McPeak,

We want to thank you, John Kirlin and Joe Grinstaff for sharing your time and thoughts with us and the Delta Protection Commission (DPC). When we discussed the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP), you asked us for a letter with our comments, suggestions and a map, describing the expanded use of the Subject for estuarine habitat.

The Basin is an area of more than 59,000 acres, located within the legal Delta. Much of the Basin's land area is in the Primary Zone of the Delta Protection Act (DPA) (see map) and subject to review of the DPC. The Basin is primarily designed and used as a floodway in the Sacramento River Flood Control Project. Prior to flood control and reclamation, the Basin was inter-tidal and part of the greater Delta Estuary.

Today, the Basin retains much of its natural beauty with conjunctive uses, such as the Vic Fazio Wildlife Area, public lands and private preserves for camping, hunting and fishing. Most of the land is owned by the United States, The State of California and local governments and their agencies. There is some agriculture in and surrounding the Basin; however, this land is subject to flood easements. Land used for grazing and crops is complimentary to flood control and environmental standards. There are NO structures in the Subject area, NO permanent residences and NO permanent crops such as grapes, pears, cherries, walnuts or almonds. Therefore, costly negative impacts on people or agricultural interests will be minor and readily mitigated.

The Basin can be expanded and improved to provide estuarine habitat in an efficient, effective, economic and timely manner without compromising its' primary purpose and use for flood control.

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The Basin offers the following opportunities:

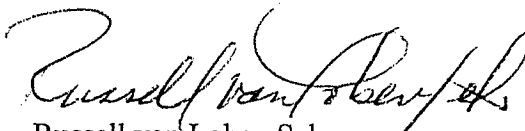
1. The Basin is large; 59,000 → 100,000 acres. "It can make a difference".
2. The Basin is at an elevation and gradient that will support development, operation and maintenance of estuarine habitat, particularly suited for fish habitat.
3. The Basin is owned by public entities (Federal, State and local governments), conservancies and private preserves whose goals are consistent with sound environmental management.
4. The Basin is a feasible alternative to acquiring more costly, private, highly developed agricultural land and related residences and structures.
5. The Basin is located a substantial distance north and west of federal and state pumps. Therefore, it provides the safest nursery for endangered fish in an area where fish ingress and egress can be engineered for safe, year-round migration.
6. The Basin is connected to the Sacramento River at the Sacramento Weir. This connection, extending more than twenty (20) miles will provide a dedicated source of fresh water from the Sacramento River via the East Toe Drain to islands in the Delta currently under ownership by the State of California and Federal Government. (see map)

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to write this letter to you. We commend you for the fine work that you are performing on behalf of all Californians.

Sincerely,



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DELTA PROTECTION ACT OF 1992

MAP OF ZONES

SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA

CLARKSBURG



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